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## REPUBLICAN WARD CAUCUSES

Held Monday Evening in the  
Different Wards. Strong  
Ticket Nominated

Ten Delegates from Each Ward  
Are Selected to Represent  
Party.

The several ward caucuses were held last Monday night to nominate ward tickets and to select 10 delegates from each ward to the city convention to be held at the City Hall Friday evening, March 10. The result of the caucuses were as follows:

**First Ward.**  
C. F. Brown was chosen chairman, Jno. S. Kneitzer, secretary and Otto Sanderhoff and T. J. Clark tellers, with nominations as follows:

Supervisor—J. E. Fuller.  
Alderman—F. L. McConkey.  
Constable—Oscar Vibber.  
Delegates to city convention: E. L. Smith, J. S. Kneitzer, A. J. Archer, C. F. Brown, J. E. Mitchell, T. J. Clark, Otto Sanderhoff, J. F. Sartor, Jr., J. D. Spinnery and Fred Rowland. Ward committee: J. E. Mitchell, A. J. Archer and G. V. Wright.

**Second Ward.**  
Floyd Glass was elected chairman, Otto Hawley, secretary and A. W. Brock and Jno. Wright as tellers. The following nominations were made: Supervisor—W. D. Strong.  
Alderman—F. H. Glass.  
Constable—Otto Hawley.  
Delegates: Bert Eckert, Henry Sandall, A. W. Brock, Jno. Wright, Harry Willard, Ira Hatch, O. F. Parker, F. H. Glass, Otto Hawley and W. D. Strong.

**Third Ward.**  
J. T. Ewing was made chairman, C. O. Ward, Secretary and the following nominations were made: Supervisor—C. A. Plowman.  
Alderman—George Ogden.  
Constable—George Brown.  
Delegates: A. P. Cook, C. H. Washburn, Marshall Allen, C. O. Ward, George Ogden, James G. Kress, S. Messinger, Ray Madden and J. T. Ewing.

**Fourth Ward.**  
L. A. Sharp was chosen chairman, C. H. Smith secretary, and G. W. Brown and Nelson Fullerton as tellers. The following nominations were made: Supervisor—Clarence Wheeler.  
Alderman—Nelson Fullerton.  
Constable—F. G. Bennett.  
Delegates: L. A. Sharp, James A. Greene, Francis King, C. H. Smith, Jotham Allen, C. G. Rhodes, R. H. Wilcox, Nelson Fullerton, A. G. Leitch and F. A. Gill.

**Ward committee:** C. G. Rhodes, Karl Adams and P. M. Smith.

## APPEAL TO HELP SAVE LONGFELLOW HOME

Women's Clubs Over Country  
Will Aid Movement to Re-  
lease Poet's Old Home.

An erroneous report that the International Longfellow Society had failed in its efforts to save the birthplace of Longfellow as an International memorial, was recently published. This report is not true. Foreclosure proceedings were commenced by the holder of the second mortgage on February 1, but under the Maine law the society has a much longer time than in many other states to redeem its title to the property.

Our Civic League recently has received an appeal from Mrs. George Thornton Edwards, president of the Portland Longfellow Club of Portland, Maine, to help in raising the mortgage on the old Longfellow property. Eight hundred Women's clubs throughout the country have generously supported the upkeep of this property for a number of years, but the whole amount of the second mortgage is now demanded and any small amount would be gladly received from anyone who would aid in saving this beloved old poet's property for an International memorial.

Contributions to the Longfellow birthplace fund will be received for the next thirty days by The Record or by the president of the Civic League.

## MRS. FRED AMSBURY EXPIRES

Mrs. Fred Ambsbury, who has been in very poor health for some months, passed away Tuesday morning. Funeral from the country resident Thursday afternoon. She leaves a husband and two daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. She was 59 years of age.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear husband brother and son. We wish to thank the Salvation Army for their services, also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. A. Graves and children.

## RACES P. M. FROM SAGINAW

Bert Reynolds, Dr. E. T. Lamb's efficient chauffeur established another record with a Ford couplet. Reynolds drove the doctor to Saginaw one day last week. During the day several inches of snow fell and the doctor decided to save time and hardships by taking the train which arrives in this city at 7:23. After supper Reynolds drove Dr. Lamb from the hotel to the P. M. station and seen him safely board the train and started for Alma. When the train pulled into Alma and Dr. Lamb stepped to the platform he found Reynolds and the little Ford waiting to take him to his home. Evidently Reynolds didn't stop many times to patch tires on his wild ride to this city, however, the doctor seems perfectly satisfied with having rode the train home.

## "BLAKE" IN THE LEAD

J. W. Blakely, our popular Mutual Life Insurance man is holding down second place for the month of February, in the Detroit Field Club of his company. A beautiful loving cup is put up for the year 1916 by ten Field Clubs of the Mutual company. The club leading in the most of the twelve months will be awarded the cup at the end of the year. In January the Detroit Club of which Mr. Blakely is vice president, secured the cup. The handsome printed bulletin issued by the Mutual company for January quotes to following under the likeness of Mr. Blakely: "Qualified as member \$100,000 club every year and was fourth to qualify for 1916 club. Has the unique distinction of improving his record each year."

## "Y" BANQUET AT NORTH STAR

Under the auspices of the Gratiot county Y. M. C. A. the boys of North Star held a banquet in the Rebekeah hall last Tuesday evening with 60 in attendance. The women of the M. E. church served the banquet and a most bountiful repast it was. Following the banquet R. C. Palmer, toastmaster for the occasion, introduced James Brown, one of the members of the Y. M. C. A. group, for the address of welcome. Mr. Brown said that the Y. M. C. A. stood for the development of the body, mind, and spirit and the all-around man, and it was a welcoming sight to see the fathers and mothers take such an interest in the boys of the community. The response was ably made by Clare Palmer of Ashley who has charge of the Junior group there. F. H. McKibben, superintendent of schools, responded to the toast, "Qualities We Admire in Young Men." Mr. McKibben pointed out that politeness, stick-to-it-iveness, a keen sense of duty and thrift were some of the great qualities that make successful young men. "Y. M. C. A. work and Community Development" was the subject discussed by Blaine Curtiss, assistant county secretary of the county Y. M. C. A. Mr. Curtiss brought out the fact that communities are what people make them and that the boys are the great factors in growing better communities.

Mrs. A. C. Crane gave a very fine reading, after which Rev. R. G. Hershey of Ithaca responded to the toast, "The Man and the Boy." Rev. Hershey said among other things that instead of a "Boy Problem" we had a "Man Problem" to deal with, that if we could get men interested in the growing of better boys and set higher standards for examples for boys to follow the "Boy Problem" would take care of itself; the boy is a hero worshiper and if he can't look up to his father as a hero he would find some other man every man is perhaps a hero in the eyes of some boy. E. C. Hobart, county secretary, responded to the toast, "How It Works in Gratiot County." The great aim of the association is to discover, enlist and train Christian leadership. To relate men and boys to Christian service. A task for every man and a man for every task. Don Barden and Miss Barden of Ithaca rendered some fine music for the entertainment of the evening. There are eleven members in the group at North Star and the boys under the leadership of Roy Chamberlain, are doing some fine work.

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like very much to express to my Gratiot county friends, through your paper, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the good wishes contained in a "shower" of 226 postal cards and 12 letters received by me at the hospital last week. There is certainly a high degree of consolation in the receipt of so many remembrances. Yours friendly,

AVOLIN CHURCH.

Rochester, N. Y., 179 Lake Ave.

## NEW REAL ESTATE COMPANY

V. H. Shepard and L. M. Sweet have formed a partnership under the firm name of Shepard & Sweet and have opened up a real estate, loan and insurance office in the Opera House block in rooms formerly occupied by James G. Kress. Both these gentlemen are well and favorably known to the people of Alma and we bespeak for them a share of the business.

## UNION CAUCUS

A Union caucus will be held at the Arcadia township hall, March 10th, 1916, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination a township ticket to be supported at the spring election, and such other business as may properly come before the caucus. Dated Feb. 25, 1916.

By Order of Committee.

## ALMA TO HAVE "STYLE SHOW"

A movement has been launched and is being pushed by several of the city's leading business men to have a style show some time within the next few weeks. Probably the week of March 20, which is just previous the Spring dress-up season of March 27 to April 8.

The plan back of the movement, is for every business house to exert their window trimming powers toward dressing up an exceptionally attractive "Spring Window," and then to keep the display veiled until a certain time in the day or evening, when all windows will be uncovered displaying to the public the latest in every line of merchandise relative to the coming spring season.

Every business man is urged to take hold and help push this affair. It is something new, and will help keep our city in the lead of all other towns of this size and larger.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE AT PROHIBITION MEETING

Anti-Wets Hold Big Meeting at  
Home of A. H. Olmstead  
Wednesday.

Last Wednesday afternoon a large representation of ladies together with pastors from the various churches assembled at the home of A. H. Olmstead. The white-ribboners made plans for future campaign work and all listened to the address which was full of facts, telling incidents and practical suggestions for teaching temperance in the Sunday school. Mr. Sharp said in part:

The Saloon must Go.  
Prohibition must come.  
The righteous intelligence of America is agreed that Alcoholic beverages are a prime menace to life and health, property and morality, and hence must and shall be prohibited.

The best way to save from the flood of intemperance is to keep the victims from falling in and so the boy and girl loom large in the campaign for prohibition today. Keep the cup from the youth; the drinks will soon pass on and the saloonists occupation will be gone.

Science is showing by experiment that the use of alcoholic beverages reduce a man's capacity for physical or mental effort. The abstainer has the advantage in life's race. John Barleycorn used to be thought a jolly good fellow but the searchlights of science and the police courts have revealed him as a debaucher, robber and murderer. In the Sunday school, religion and science are allies against this arch foe of decency and morality, our homes, society and our country.

The teaching of temperance in the Sunday school has been largely incidental; it should be broad, regular, systematic and scientific and allegiance to its principles urged from every legitimate motive.

Self interest demands it. Competition for position or trade is now so keen that one needs to be in possession of himself and discard every handicap to success. Our great railroads, mercantile and industrial enterprises taboo the drinker; he is barred from a seat in high places. The country demands the clean and strong for exalted station.

Athletics. The athlete must be abstemious, no blue ribbons for the self-indulgent. This makes an appeal to youth impatient of delayed reward for the permanent is not in the sweet bye and bye, but today or tomorrow on the field whose companions cheer.

Apply temperance to eating as well as drinking. The Good Book links the drunkard and the glutton. A too-full stomach impairs physical and intellectual activity. A pile of buckwheat cakes or license at the pie counter may spell failure in class. And the cigarette, the effect of the little white smokes on the heart and nerves is so well known that success in class room and field prohibits them. Harvard University records show that for 50 years past not a habitual smoker has stood at the head of his class. The victors wreath is not made of tobacco leaves.

It used to be alleged that cigarettes were treated with drugs to create a craving and promote sales, but the facts are that to render the "making" more adaptable, they are treated with certain substances not particularly harmful but which in combustion with two ultra poisons vapors—tar and nicotine—which by inhalation go into the human system. So, cigarette smoking is a drug habit and this accounts for its baneful effects on body, mind and morals.

Self-respect. When one indulges in that which renders him less a man, less a gentleman, he may excuse himself, but cannot respect himself, much less hope to be respected. Letting down this bar opens innumerable ways of immorality.

Honor to parents. A son or daughter in open or secret league with John

Barleycorn or other harmful indulgence is no honor to parents.

Patriotism.  
"The Cross on Calvary was Hope;  
The Cross on San Salvador was Opportunity."

In America all roads lead to opportunity and hence this land is the mecca of the oppressed. To be born here is a great blessing; to come here a great privilege. Only as our youth aspire to be upright, sober and intelligent can we perpetuate and develop the great principles which have meant so much in the upward progress of mankind.

Economics. The drink bill of our country for one year would build four Panama canals, and equal three times our wheat crop and nearly twice our national debt.

The Religious Appeal. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of the Holy Spirit? If any man defile the temple, him shall God destroy." Drink is produced in time but its results carry over to eternity. How can the aspiration after righteousness, purity and the galaxy of beautiful qualities, which Christ plants in the garden of the heart, flourish in the fumes of intoxicants and narcotics?

## DEATH FOR "CANINES"

Some person, for reasons of their own, or to do a mean trick, has been feeding poison to several dogs in the neighborhood of south Gratiot and Woodworth avenues. A number of these canines have been done away with, several of which have been family pets and the loss was felt keenly by the parties owning the pets. It seems that a little more wholesome sport could be indulged in than taking the life of some families innocent "yaller dorg" who was doing no one harm.

## OLD BANK BUILDING LEASED

Last Monday morning a three years lease was obtained from Mrs. Brearly owner of the building now occupied by the First State Bank. The new occupants will take possession in about six weeks when the bank will move to their new quarters. The present bank building will then house the largest music house in Gratiot county, and will be conducted by two well known Alma business men.

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The "Farther Lights" missionary society of the Baptist church was held last Friday evening at the home of Miss Frances Priest. The lesson was presented by Mrs. Angell. The following officers for the new year were elected:

President—Mrs. John Becker.  
Vice president—Miss Ivah Ferrigo.  
Secretary—Miss Marguerite Moore.  
Treasurer—Miss Reva Mack.  
The March meeting will be held with Miss Elsa Struble.

## TWO CONTESTS NEXT WEEK

Next week at the high school auditorium will be held the last two contests of the declamation and oratorical contests series, to select a contestant for the district contest. On Wednesday evening, March 15, the last high school oratorical contest will be held and on Friday evening, March 17, the last declamation contest will be held. A small admission of five cents will be charged to defray the expenses of the contestant. The January enrollment of the city schools 982, and at the end of February 1002 for that month.

## COUNTY MAPS

The Record has a few of the maps of Gratiot county left and will be glad to furnish anyone who happens to be in need. Call the Record office, or orders by mail, will receive prompt attention. Adv.—30-4f

## DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS

We have a large amount due us on subscription to The Record and are sending statements amounting to several hundred dollars, hoping this will remind many of their account and that they will call and settle. It is due us and we need the money.

## EARL C. CLAPP BUYS PARTNER'S INTEREST

Becomes Sole Owner of Hardware Firm of Clapp & Fraker.

On March 2, a change was made in the hardware establishment of Clapp & Fraker, whereby Mr. Clapp now becomes owner and proprietor of this modern and up-to-date hardware concern.

Mr. Clapp came to this city four years ago and engaged in the hardware business with P. M. Smith, buying out the interest of C. R. Carr of the firm of Smith & Carr. The firm name of Smith & Clapp was then adopted until June 1, when N. B. Fraker purchased the interest of Mr. Smith and since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of Clapp & Fraker. Mr. Clapp has many friends in the business world of Alma and vicinity and patrons of the store are assured of the same courteous treatment and efficient service as heretofore rendered. A complete line of general hardware will be carried including, paints, oils, stoves and ranges, plumbing and steam and hot water heating.

## OBITUARY

Arthur Eugene Graves was born August 11, 1878, at Dundee, Mich. and died March 2, 1916, aged 38 years, 6 months, 21 days. He was united in marriage Sept. 12, 1908 to Miss Etta Stebbins, to this union were born two children, both girls. They with their mother are left to mourn his loss. Also an aged mother and two sisters, Mrs. George Hamilton, 203 Prospect street, at whose home he died, and Mrs. Anna Balcock of Muskegon, Mich. He has been a great sufferer for over two years, believed to be tuberculosis of the throat. His end was peaceful, full assurance of eternal happiness. The funeral services were conducted by Capt. D. R. Lamont, assisted by Capt. and Mrs. Black and local corps of the Salvation Army, his casket was covered with beautiful flowers and draped with the colors of the organization, yellow, red, and blue flag. The remains were laid to rest in the Riverside cemetery.

## DEMOCRATS HOLD MASS MEETING

Met at City Hall Wednesday  
Night and Nominate  
Ticket.

The Democrats met in mass convention at the City Hall Wednesday night and nominated the following city and ward tickets:

Mayor—L. N. Brainerd.  
Clerk—Carl Gallagher.  
Treasurer—Charles Murphy.  
Justice of the Peace—D. L. Johnson.  
**First Ward.**  
Supervisor—Ray Besore.  
Alderman—Fred Von Thurn.  
Constable—John Gungwer.  
**Second Ward.**  
Supervisor—Isaac Russell.  
Alderman—Harry Gerber.  
**Third Ward.**  
Supervisor—William Beverly.  
Alderman—Ben Carter.  
**Fourth Ward.**  
Supervisor—J. D. Helman.  
Alderman—L. B. Kehn.  
Constable—Joe Henderson.

## CITY DIRECTORY

About May 1st The Record will issue a City Directory, this will contain the name, street and number of every person over 14 years of age, with other valuable information. A representative is now at work gathering the necessary data and any favors shown him will be appreciated.

## SANDALL RESIGNS

Justice of the Peace Henry Sandall who was elected last spring has resigned his office and it necessitates the election of a justice of the peace to fill this vacancy. Alma has been in bad shape for some years, from the fact she has been without a justice with any legal experience, with due respect to those holding the office it has been some years since the office has been filled by a competent man and in consequence, the majority of cases are taken elsewhere.

The Record wishes to propose the nomination of J. G. Kress. Mr. Kress is a competent lawyer, has had years of experience in justice court and will give Alma a justice competent to try any case that may come up.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION CLERK-CARRIER

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post office in this city on March 25, 1916. Age limit, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination.

Married women will not be admitted to examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat. For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately

FRANK O. PARKER,  
Secretary, Board of Civil  
Service Examiners,  
Post office, Alma, Mich.

## GAS MEN HOLD "SCHOOL"

The five managers of the Gratiot County Gas Company met in this city at the home office last Saturday for the purpose of holding a school of instruction. The aim of the afternoon meeting was to solve the problems which confront the gas men to help them give better service. The slogan adopted by them is "Service First—Profit a By-Product." With this motto in view, "Efficiency" will be the first word in all branches of the local gas making and serving industry.

## DANCING PARTY

Several of the nurses and lady employees of the Michigan Masonic Home gave a delightful dancing party at the Home last Monday evening. About fifteen couples were present and dancing was continued till eleven o'clock. A delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

## ALMA GIRL WINS THIRD AT ORATORICAL CONTEST

Miss Bernice Ireland is Given  
Honor with Her Oration  
"Human Complements."

In what was pronounced by authorities to be the closest oratorical contest in recent years, Alma's woman orator, Miss Bernice Ireland took third place at the Michigan Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest at Hillsdale on Friday afternoon, March 3. Her oration, "Human Complements," was delivered in a manner which showed both great interest and preparation as to subject matter and power and ease in delivery.

The contest was held in the beautiful college church. About 800 people attended the afternoon contest, many of these being the delegations of students from the nearby colleges.

Miss Hoffman of Albion won first place, her oration "Man Made Morals," and portrayed the double standard of morals which appears to exist for men and women.

Miss Kolyn of Hope delivered in a forceful manner, "What Shall It Profit a Man." This oration took a well deserved second place.

Miss Ireland delivered with exceptional appeal for the equal franchise her oration, "Human Complements," which was awarded third place.

Eleven hundred people were present at the men's contest in the evening. Mr. George Steininger of Hope delivered the winning oration, "The Military Uniform and the Christ mas Tree."

Mr. Pellowe of Albion had a well written oration, "The Worship Thielor," which he delivered in a powerful manner and was awarded second place.

Mr. Gordon of Hillsdale took third place with his oration, "The Political Confusion of the Multitude."

The contest next year will be held at Holland under the direction of H. P. college.

## AUCTION SALES

On Saturday, March 11, J. Barney will sell a quantity of heavy work and wagons. He also will sell a quantity of stove wood. J. E. Wiggins, auctioneer.

Saturday, March 18, Ed Winn, at his barn in Alma, will hold a sale of horses, etc. Sale will start at 1 o'clock. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

On Wednesday, March 22, a big stock sale will be held on the W. A. Bahke farm, east of Alma by Geo. W. Moore and Clarence Wheeler. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

## STORY OF SOUTH TOLD BY BURNS

Kentucky Mountaineer Fills  
Lyceum Platform Friday  
Evening

## "BURNS OF THE MOUNTAINS"

Tells Story of the Founding of  
the Oneida Institute for  
Mountain People.

James A. Burns the stalwart Kentucky mountaineer who filled the Lyceum course platform Friday of last week brought to our people a new vision of the south and its possibilities. The speaker won his audience with his simple, direct and "homey" style of speaking and his vivid description of the scenes enacted during the Walker-Baker feud in the mountains of the south.

Burns told clearly how and why the mountain people of the south are living as they are today. His gripping story of his own life and experiences, together with his struggle for his present position of the president of the Oneida Institute, made an entertaining story that one will long remember. Burns' complete school education last over the lengthy period of seven months. In his early years he found the conviction that it is knowledge that gives man power over his fellow men.

The American Magazine for March gives the following concerning Burns and his career:

"At the age of twenty he decided to go to college. He had no money but in some way managed to maintain himself for a little while at the Denison University, a Baptist college located at Granville, Ohio. Here he impressed all by his silent and moody habits. They did not know that James Burns was now a man with a vision, an ambition. At some time there had come to him the fixed conviction that something ought to be done to lift out of their bondage, the bondage of ignorance, the people of the Kentucky mountains. To him the one means seemed religious education. He knew that in order to change a mountaineer he would have to catch him in the cradle.

In all his life, including his short stay at Granville he had just seven months of schooling, his college life covering just seven months total. He was well advanced in young manhood when, as Theodore Roosevelt phrases it, he left school and began his education.

He returned to Clay county in 1892 after his college course of seven months. He was twenty seven years old, with neither staff or scrip. As yet silent, he was a man with a vision, a prophet in the wilderness. Locusts, wild honey, corn bread, catfish—anything would do for him. In his Conanater soul was just one idea. His idea was that the thing to do, since these people never could be got out to the schools, was to take the schools to them. So he went to work at that, studying all the time and continuing his education all the while."

The remainder of the story telling of how he taught school in the mountains and the hardships encountered before the Oneida Institute was established, was one of intense interest, and no one but the founder, James A. Burns, could tell it and do it justice to the world.

## FANNELL GIVES RECITAL IN COLLEGE CHAPEL

Assisted by Josef Bistline,  
Violinist and Miss Hitchcock, Reader.

T. A. Fannell, tenor, former instructor at the college gave an excellent recital at the college chapel last Tuesday evening. Mr. Cybil Davis, former violin instructor and a Lansing harpist were scheduled to appear with Mr. Fannell, but were unable to be present and their places were filled by Josef Bistline, violinist and Miss Hitchcock a reader.

Mr. Fannell appeared at his best and his clear tenor voice pleased his audience, responding to numerous encores. Mr. Bistline gave several pleasing numbers on the violin, and Miss Hitchcock rendered a number of readings in her quaint and pleasing manner.

The recital was given under the auspices of the college athletic association and the proceeds will go to that organization.

## HIGH SCHOOL "JOY NIGHT"

Last Tuesday night was "Joy Night" at the Weese Vaudeville high school pupils furnished a program consisting of comedy and selections by the Glee Club. The house was packed the three acts. Proceeds of the show will go toward the high fund.